



The Wittliff Collections

Guide to the J. Edwin Smith Collection 1958-1992

Collection SWWC-040

Descriptive Summary

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Title:	Guide to the J. Edwin Smith Collection
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Abstract:	Photographs, correspondence and political campaign literature comprise the bulk of this collection. Dates range from 1958-1992.
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Biographical Notes

Noted Texas attorney James Edwin Smith, who won a U.S. Supreme Court case striking down an election primary system that excluded black voters, was born in Sonora, Texas on October 18, 1911. He ran for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas in 1958, as a member of the Democratic Party. Publicity photographs for this campaign were taken by Russell Lee. Smith lived and worked in Houston for much of his life. He died on February 1, 2001.

Scope and Contents

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Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

Collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Please contact the Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin, for reprints or permission to publish these photographs.

Immediate Source of Acquisition

Gift of J. Edwin Smith, 1992.

Preferred Citation

J. Edwin Smith Collection, The Wittliff Collections, Texas State University.

Physical Location

Materials may be stored off-site. Advance notice is required for use:

<https://www.thewittliffcollections.txstate.edu/research/makearesearchappointment.html>.

Related Materials

The Tarlton Law Library at the University of Texas-Austin holds Smith's legal papers.

Controlled Access Headings

- Civil rights lawyers -- Texas
- Politicians

Detailed Description of the Collection

Box Folder

1	1	Black and white 8x10 photographs of J. Edwin Smith, by Russell Lee (copy prints)
1	2	Photocopy of Smith's campaign booklet featuring photographs by Russell Lee, 1958
1	3	Letter from Smith to Dr. Jack Rosenbaum (photocopy), 1992